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Dear Harold:

I have your letter of April 15, and the enclosed copy of the letter to Herman Kogan of the Chicago Sun-Times. I have delayed writing to you because I have not wanted to say anything that I might regret.

I have a compulsion to say exactly what I feel when I review a book, regardless as to who may feel aggrieved. I have the feeling also that when one writes a book and it is submitted for review, one in effect tells the reviewer, "I had my say in the book, and now you may have your say in the review, and neither of us should quarrel about the situation."

Considering the fact that I have had so many reservations about your writings on the Kennedy assassination and its aftermath, I was rather surprised that I found things to praise in your book on the Ray-King case. I also found things to criticize. I both praised and criticized and I am not going to argue with you as to whether or not I ought to have said something else. If I had honestly thought that I ought to have said something else, I would have said it.

I don't know whether to be amused or angered by your misinterpretation of matters relating to our earlier contacts. To me it is inconceivable that you really think that you were responsible for what I did and said on certain aspects of the Ruby case. As you will know by reading my book, Moment of Madness: The People v. Jack Ruby, I did an enormous amount of work in connection with the Ruby case, including the studying of transcripts of the police testimony and what was said by those same individuals and others before the Warren Commission. As a result, we were able to argue effectively before the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and I was able to sum up the evidence rather well, I think, in my book.

The difficulty, Harold, seems to be that you, like most of us, are so self-centered that you don't always understand the other person's viewpoint.

I am sorry I cannot write more. I don't know if writing

more would be of any use. If our paths cross, I will greet you warmly and discuss everything that is on your mind and mine.

Warmest regards and all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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